

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

Claims 9, 11, and 12, which all depended directly from independent claim 1, have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly the subject matter of claim 9 has been added to claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 1 has been added to claims 11 and 12, making claims 1, 11, and 12 allowable. Claim 9 has been canceled, and several of the original dependent claims have been rewritten as new claims 15 to 21 dependent on claims 11 and 12.

Overall this amendment leaves the case with three independent claims and twenty claims overall, so no extra claim fee is entailed.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

Respectfully submitted,  
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